

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
PROVIDENCE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015
444 WESTMINSTER ST., PROVIDENCE, RI 02903**

The Providence Redevelopment Agency (PRA) met in a regular meeting at the Office of the Agency, located at 444 Westminister St., Providence, RI on Thursday, October 15, 2015 at 4:20PM.

Board members present at roll call: Yahaira Placencia, Councilman Bryan Principe, Julius Kolawole, and Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris.

Absent at roll call: Chairman Jim DeRentis, Vice Chair Cliff Wood, and Jesse Kenner.

Others in attendance: Don Gralnek, Executive Director; Amber Ilcisko, Secretary; Dante Bellini, RDW Group; Jon Restivo, Darrow Everett; Zack Darrow, Darrow Everett.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Julius Kolawole made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held on September 10, 2015, and Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, and the minutes were approved as submitted.

BILLS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Gralnek briefly explaining new bills to be paid: item 4 is for communications, item 5 is for two months, item 6 is for work on 514 Broadway, item 7 is for work on Umicore, and item 8 is the last invoice for work on Flynn School.

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve the bills and Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Gralnek discussed the following agenda items:

Item 9-status of 69 Bucklin Street; no action was taken by the Board.

Item 10- update on the American Tourister site, located at 70 Houghton Street; no action was taken by the board.

Item 11- status of Parcel 12, located at 5 Exchange Street; no action was taken by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Gralnek presented the following items of new business:

Item 12- advance in the amount of \$125,000.00 to the City of Providence Tax Assessor to retain assistance in valuation efforts to be repaid in FY2016.

Julius Kolawole made a motion to ratify an advance in the amount of \$125,000.00 to the City of Providence Tax Assessor to retain assistance in valuation efforts to be repaid in FY 2016. Bryan Principe seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 13- six month extension of due diligence period for parcel 12.

Julius Kolawole made a motion to approve a six month extension of due diligence period for parcel 12; the motion was seconded by Mary Kay Harris. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 14- lease with option to purchase with the African Alliance for property located at 621 Prairie Avenue, (plat 53, lot 184) in the amount of \$250 per month.

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve a lease with an option to purchase with the African Alliance for property located at 632 Prairie Avenue, (plat 53, lot 184). Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. Julius Kolawole recused himself for the vote. The motion was passed.

Item 15- tax abatements on the following Agency-owned properties: 15 Gallatin Street, (plat 53, lot 502), 425 Elmwood Avenue, (plat 49, lot 366), 368 Blackstone Street, (plat 45, lot 614), 56 Heath Street, (plat 107, lot 353), and 621 Prairie Avenue, (plat 53, lot 184).

Bryan Principe made a motion to approve tax abatements on the following Agency-owned properties: 15 Gallatin Street, (plat 53, lot 502), 425 Elmwood Avenue, (plat 49, lot 366), 368 Blackstone Street, (plat 45, lot 614), 56 Heath Street, (plat 107, lot 353), and 621 Prairie Avenue, (plat 53, lot 184). Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Item 16- transfer of one lot at the Gorham Site, located at 425 Adelaide Avenue, (plat 51, lot 324), to the City of Providence for recreational use.

Julius Kolawole made a motion to approve the transfer of one lot at the Gorham Site, located at 425 Adelaide Avenue, (plat 51, lot 324), to the City of Providence for recreational use. Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Bryan Principe made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting and enter executive session pursuant to section 42-46-5(a)(5) of the RI Gen. Laws for discussions or considerations related to the disposition of publicly held property located at 220 Blackstone Street, (plat 45, lots 85, 797, and 833), and publicly held property located at 93 Cranston Street, (plat 29, lot 505), 36 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 504), 16 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 193), and 22 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 194) wherein

advanced public information would be detrimental to the interest of the public. The motion was seconded by Julius Kolawole. The motion was passed unanimously.

Roll Call Vote to enter Executive Session:

James DeRentis- not present

Cliff Wood- not present

Yahaira Placencia- yes

Julius Kolawole- yes

Mary Kay Harris-yes

Bryan Principe- yes

Jesse Kenner-not present

The Providence Redevelopment Agency entered executive session at 4:44PM.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Bryan Principe made a motion to end Executive Session and return to Open Session at 5:44PM. Mary Kay Harris seconded the motion. The motion was passed unanimously.

Board members present at roll call: Julius Kolawole, Yahaira Placencia, Councilman Bryan Principe, and Councilwoman Mary Kay Harris.

Board members absent at roll call: Chairman Jim DeRentis, Vice Chair Cliff Wood, and Jesse Kenner.

Mary Kay Harris made a motion to seal the minutes of the Executive Session. Julius Kolawole seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gralnek reported the following actions that took place in Executive Session:

During an Executive Session convened by the Providence Redevelopment Agency pursuant to section 42-46-5A(a)(5) the Agency took two votes regarding the disposition of public property located at 220 Blackstone Street, (plat 45, lots 85, 797, and 833), and publicly held property located at 93 Cranston Street, (plat 29, lot 505), 36 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 504), 16 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 193), and 22 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 194) the vote concerning 220 Blackstone Street was unanimous and the vote regarding property located at 93 Cranston Street, (plat 29, lot 505), 36 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 504), 16 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 193), and 22 Thomas P. Whitten Way, (plat 29, lot 194) was approved unanimously.

Julius Kolawole made a motion to adjourn the meeting; the motion was seconded by Mary Kay Harris. The motion was passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 5:45PM.